

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1896

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 12, 1997

Mr. THORNBERRY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Frequent Flyer Act  
3 of 1997”.

4 **SEC. 2. USE OF FREQUENT FLYER MILES.**

5 Section 507 of the Congressional Accountability Act  
6 of 1995 (Public Law 104–1; 2 U.S.C. 1436) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) by inserting “(1)” before “Notwith-  
9 standing”;

10 (B) by striking the period and inserting  
11 “other than travel by the Member for whose of-  
12 fice the travel was performed, or a family mem-  
13 ber of such Member, between the Washington,  
14 D.C. area and the Member’s state.”; and

15 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
16 paragraph:

17 “(2) The Member for whose office the travel was per-  
18 formed may transfer any travel award to an organization  
19 described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue  
20 Code of 1986 that is exempt from tax under section  
21 501(a) of such Act.”; and

22 (2) by inserting “or House of Representatives”  
23 after “Senate” each place it appears.

24 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

25 It is the sense of Congress that commercial airlines  
26 that offer travel awards should provide that such travel

- 1 awards are transferable in a manner consistent with this
- 2 Act.

